GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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ADMISSION TO POOR CHILDREN
Chavda Shri Harisinh Pratapsinh;Renge Patil Shri Tukaram Ganpatrao

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware about several public schools denying admissions to those children belonging to weaker section of the society;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of conditions laid down for opening of public schools in the country;

(d) the total number of such public schools identified for not observing these conditions, during the last three years; and

(e) the details of the action taken against such schools?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) & (b) Education being a concurrent subject, school education primarily comes under the jurisdiction of the State Governments.The Affiliation Bye- Laws of Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), inter alia, provides "Admission in the school affiliated to the CBSE shall be made without any distinction of religion, race, caste, creed, place of birth or any of them. As regards reservation for SC/ST students i s concerned, it shall be governed by the Education Act/ Rules applicable to the State/UT where the school is situated."

(c) The norms for grant of affiliation to schools by CBSE are prescribed in their Affiliation Bye Laws. Some of the mandatory requirements are :-

(i) NOC from concerned State/UT Education Department.

(ii) A Registered Society/ Trust/ Company under section 25 of Companies Act, 1956, should run the School.

(iii) About 2 acre land or otherwise permitted measurement at one site.

(iv) The Society/ Trust/ Company running the school should be of non-propriety character.

(v) Sufficient infrastructure and other facilities including teachers as per norms.

(d) & (e) Eighteen schools have been disaffiliated by CBSE during the last 3 years for not adhering to the conditions prescribed in the Affiliation Bye Laws.